2005 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons

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Procedural and other arrangements for the effective and successful outcome of the 2005 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons

Working paper presented by the members of the Group of Non-Aligned States Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons

1. The Group of Non-Aligned States parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons recalls that the Preparatory Committee for the 2005 Review Conference was mandated and tasked to undertake the following:

(a) Consider specific matters of substance relating to the implementation of the Treaty and decisions 1 and 2, as well as the resolution on the Middle East adopted in 1995, and the outcomes of subsequent Review Conferences, including developments affecting the operation and purpose of the Treaty. (Final document of the 2000 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons);

(b) At its third and, as appropriate, fourth session, the Preparatory Committee, taking into account the deliberations and results of its previous sessions, should make every effort to produce a consensus report containing recommendations to the Review Conference. (Final document of the 2000 Review Conference);

(c) The States parties agreed that the procedural arrangements for the Review Conference should be finalized at the last session of the Preparatory Committee. (Final document of the 2000 Review Conference);

(d) The Conference agrees that legally binding security assurances by the five nuclear-weapon States to the non-nuclear-weapons States parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons strengthen the nuclear non-proliferation regime. The Conference calls upon the Preparatory Committee to make recommendations to the 2005 Review Conference on this issue. (Final document of the 2000 Review Conference);

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(e) The establishment of such subsidiary bodies would be recommended by the Preparatory Committee for each Review Conference in relation to the specific objectives of the Review Conference. (Final document of the 2000 Review Conference and decision 1, "Strengthening the Review Process for the Treaty" adopted in 1995).

2. In the context of the above-mentioned tasks and mandates, the Group of Non-Aligned States parties to the Treaty calls for:

(a) An agreement on item 16 of the provisional agenda of the Review Conference, which would be as follows:

"Review of the operation of the Treaty in accordance with article VIII, paragraph 3, of the Treaty, taking into account the Decisions and the Resolution adopted by the 1995 Review and Extension Conference and the Final documents of the 1975, 1985 and 2000 Review Conferences";

(b) An agreement on the establishment of subsidiary bodies, in accordance with rule 34 of the draft rules of procedure for the 2005 Review Conference, to consider, respectively, issues related to nuclear disarmament, security assurances and regional issues, with particular reference to the 1995 resolution on the Middle East.

3. The Group of Non-Aligned States parties to the Treaty furthermore calls on the Review Conference to:

(a) Consider the further strengthening or enhancement of the review process, including with regard to new institutions of the Treaty;

(b) The further strengthening or enhancement of the regular reporting mechanism provided for in accordance with the Final document of the 2000 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons;

(c) Consider the steps and other actions that could be undertaken to promote disarmament and non-proliferation education, with particular reference to the Treaty;

(d) Support the recommendation of the third session of the Preparatory Committee regarding the participation of non-governmental organizations.